

Though I am in my late forties I have always been open and interested in cutting edge technology. I have embraced digital and HDTV as well the "connected home" and the waves of advanced electronics that have marked my life. I owned one of the first MACs ever produced and even had a Comodore box! Records, eight tracks, cassette, CD, DVD, SACD, MP3, AM,FM, 1gig,2gig,3gig,wireless, and satillite, have all made there way into my life. Resistance to almost every step forward in eletronics is matched by reluctance or outright obstruction from those who stand to loose most from the process. Some argue that we are a republic, not a democracy, some say we are neither, something new, a society of politcs by capitolism where freedome is extended and defeneded by the State so long is it does not inhibit the economy. If we are capitolists, and I know I am, then allowing the NAB to dictate the market is not in our interests or the interests of the State. XM will live or die by the support it recieves from the market and judging by its' growth and the success of it's format then the NAB is right to be concerned. SO WHAT. Their membership needs to adapt, to provide better services, create a solution to the issues that successful competition bring them. This they need to do without leveraging their money into convincing the Legislature to artificailly level the playing field by awarding them the time to catch up or to "prop" up the market for them.

No one is forcing me to pay XM, I still listen to FM, to my favorite local stations, I still listen to records, though I did pitch out my eight tracks. Leave radio alone, let the market take care of itself, is that not the capitolist, American way?

FIX THE SCHOOLS! Instead. Or maybe HEALTHCARE!